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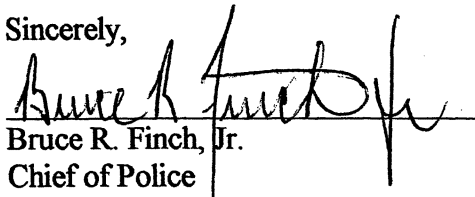
Marlene Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Ms. Dortch,

The mission of the Norton Police Department is to protect and serve the residents and business community of Norton by delivering the highest quality police service with professionalism and integrity. Every day, we are relied upon to do our job to the best of our ability – but at this time, communications are compromised because of interference to our radios. Communications are vital to public safety operations. Interference on our officers' radios presents not only an annoyance, but also a hazard should the call that has a garbled connection or that is dropped is an emergency.

We applaud the public/private coalition that has worked together to create a solution that will give public safety what it needs: communications free from interference and the availability of additional spectrum. This solution, called the Consensus Plan, is under the Commission's review at the present time. I urge you to take public safety's needs into account and implement the Consensus Plan, the only plan that will solve the problem, as soon as possible.

Sincerely,


Bruce R. Finch, Jr.
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